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XXXIII.—On a rare Species of Hawk, of the Genus *Accipiter*,
from South America. By P. L. SCLATER.

(Plate X.)

THE accompanying illustration is a reduction from an original water-colour drawing by Mr. Wolf, belonging to Mr. J. H. Gurney's portfolio, and represents a little-known species of Hawk, of the genus *Accipiter*, which I propose to call *Accipiter pectoralis*. This scarce bird has never been properly described, but has been alluded to by Prince Bonaparte, in an article entitled "Revue Générale de la Classe des Oiseaux," in the 'Revue et Magasin de Zoologie' for 1850 (p. 474 *et seq.*), in the following terms:—

"Mais la plus belle espèce d'Accipitrien est sans contredit celle que nous venons de retrouver dans le Musée d'Anvers, sous le nom de *F. pectoralis*, Cuv. (*Buteo pectoralis*? Vieill.). Quoique indiquée comme venant de l'Inde, elle vient du Brésil, et rappelle, par son plumage, le *Spizaëtus ornatus*. Sa taille est celle de mon *Astur cooperi*; le dessus de la tête et le dos sont noirs; la gorge blanche; le haut du cou et la poitrine d'un roux pur; le ventre blanc, barré de taches noires; la queue cendrée, traversée de quatre bandes noires."

Besides the example in the Museum of Antwerp thus spoken of by Prince Bonaparte, the only specimens of this Hawk which, as far as I know, exist in European collections, are in the Derby Museum at Liverpool. From one of them Mr. Wolf's figure

was taken; and from the same bird, which has been kindly submitted to my examination by Mr. T. J. Moore, the Curator of this celebrated collection, I have drawn up the following short characters, which, when taken in conjunction with Mr. Wolf's figure, will, I hope, be sufficient to render the species recognizable without much difficulty.

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ACCIPITER PECTORALIS.

Falco pectoralis, in Mus. Antverpiano.

Supra niger, dorsi et scapularium tectricumque plumis albo marginatis, pileo nigro immaculato: torque collari postico et capitis lateribus rufis: remigibus obscure fuscis: cauda nigra, albo quater fasciata: subtus albus, plaga rictali et striga mediali gutturis nigris; pectore rufo, albo variegato: ventre toto albo nigroque transfasciato: rostro nigro, pedibus flavicantibus: long. tota 17, alæ 10·2, tarsi 2·3, rostri a rictu 1·1 poll. Angl. et dec.

Hab. (ut dicitur) in America meridionali.

Mus. Antverp. et Derbiano.

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The two examples of this bird in the Derby Museum (No. 393 and 393, a) were purchased by the late Lord Derby from Mr. Gould, in September 1841. They have no locality marked upon them. The species is very remarkable as being so nearly a miniature, as regards general appearance, of *Spizaëtus ornatus*, although certainly a true Accipitrine. The wings reach to about one-half of the length of the tail; the third, fourth, and fifth primaries are nearly equal and longest.

XXXIV.—On *Birds collected and observed in the Interior of British North America*. By Captain BLAKISTON, R.A. (Part I.)

By the "Interior of British North America," I mean that portion of the continent lying to the north-west of Canada which may be said to be bounded by the western base of the Rocky Mountains, the 49th parallel of north latitude, Canada, Hudson's Bay, and the Arctic Sea, and which has hitherto usually gone by the somewhat indefinite appellation of the "Hudson's Bay Company's Territories" and the "Fur Countries."

Rather than give localities which require some amount of geographical knowledge to make out, I have referred to the great



J. Wolf. del.
J. Jemmens. lith.

M. & N. Hanhart. Imp.

ACCIPITER PECTORALIS.